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Amendment No. 1

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 28, 2004, please amend the above application as follows:

Claims: The Claims are amended as follows:

1. (amended) A device for closing bags comprising:

- (a) an elongated generally flat member made of flexible material,
- (b) said member having attached on one end a ring or other grasping means,
and
- (c) said member having attached on its opposing sides hook and loop
material, with one side of the device being only partially covered by the
hook or loop material, such that upon wrapping the device around the
open end of a bag and bringing together the opposing ends of the device in
a manner that cinches closed the open end of the bag the hook and loop
engage and maintain closure of the bag.